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## **ROBERT CURLEY RECEIVES VICTIM SERVICES “PUBLIC POLICY ADVOCACY AWARD”**

BOSTON – During Victim Rights Month in April, Attorney General Maura Healey and the Massachusetts Office for Victim Assistance (MOVA) recognize individuals and agencies that have made significant contributions to victim rights and services.

For nearly two decades, Robert Curley has played a role in developing child safety laws and victim services in Massachusetts. Following the kidnapping and death of his son, Jeffrey, Mr. Curley has been a tireless advocate representing the voice of victims to legislators, administration officials, and community members to influence public safety initiatives throughout the state.

Mr. Curley’s efforts have influenced laws relating to sex offenders, the collection of DNA database information, child safety protocols, and prevention efforts. He has served on the Governor’s Council to Address Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence, provided trainings to state and local officials on victim-centered responses, and continues to hold safety awareness events throughout the state to prevent crimes against children.

Mr. Curley works nationally with the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children and participates in each annual Missing Children’s Day in Massachusetts to raise awareness of these efforts locally. He continues to be an active member in the survivor community – supporting fellow survivors in their recovery and mobilizing them to promote the need for supportive services following violent crime.

To recognize these efforts, Robert received MOVA’s Public Policy Advocacy Award at a ceremony at the State House.

“During Victim Rights Month we have an opportunity to recognize those who help some of the most vulnerable and innocent among us. These individuals provide critical services to victims, and we are proud of the work they do in our communities,” said Attorney General Maura Healey.

“Bob has been a consistent ally, supporter, and champion for victim rights and services on both the local and national stages,” said Liam Lowney, MOVA’s Executive Director. “His bravery and resiliency in sharing his story with policymakers helps them understand the significant impacts homicide and violent crime have on families. Bob has generously shared Jeffrey with so many of us and his story led to incredible advancements and protections for children. We are thrilled to recognize Bob with this award and thank him for all of his advocacy to protect kids.”

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